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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to an Office Action restriction requirement dated March 20, 2009, Applicants elect Group IV, claim 9, with traverse. The restriction requirement is traversed on the basis of the following.

It is asserted in the Office Action that claim 5 (Group II) is anticipated by Kufer et al. Even if that is correct, without admitting same, at least the claims of Groups I and III share the same special technical feature with elected claim 9, i.e., the 3-dimensional structural information of the binding site of human TPX2 to phosphorylated human Aurora-A kinase. Moreover, as the subject matter of the claims of Group V is a result of performing the method of elected claim 9, Group V also shares the same special technical feature with elected claim 9.

Respectfully submitted,

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